Amendment To The Specification:

Please replace the paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Injection molding machines are well known. Typical injection molding machines generally include an injection mold part and an ejection mold part, ~~a tool injection part and a tool ejection part,~~ which together form two tool halves for defining a mold cavity. ~~The tool injection part~~ The injection mold part typically has one or more channels for partially receiving a hot passage distributor system therethrough.

Please replace the paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] The present invention provides an injection molding machine having a side-injection sub-assembly and a method for readily providing access to a hot passage distributor system contained therein. ~~The injection molding machine includes a side injection sub-assembly having a tool injection part~~ The side-injection sub-assembly includes an injection mold part and a hot passage distributor system. The hot passage distributor system is sandwiched and fixedly held between ~~the tool injection part~~ the injection mold part and a head plate. Specifically, two or more bolt members attach ~~the tool injection part~~ the injection mold part to the head plate and are accessible from a side of the injection mold part. ~~the tool injection part.~~ In that regard, these bolt members can be detached to remove ~~the tool injection part~~ the injection mold part from the hot passage distributor system and provide access thereto. The injection molding machine further includes ~~a tool ejection part~~ an ejection mold part for releasably mating to the injection mold part ~~the tool injection part~~ and defining a mold cavity.

Please replace the paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] Referring to Figure 1, there is shown an injection molding machine F having a side-injection sub-assembly 30 installed therein, according to one embodiment of the invention. The injection molding machine F includes an ejection mold part A and an injection mold part B, ~~a tool ejection part A and a tool injection part B,~~ which are utilized for forming a mold cavity. ~~The~~

~~tool ejection part A and the tool injection part B~~ The ejection mold part A and the injection mold part B have a parting plane 1 therebetween generally indicating the plane of separation between the two tool halves.

Please replace the paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] The side-injection sub-assembly 30 generally includes ~~the tool injection part B~~ the injection mold part B and a hot passage distributor system 40. The hot passage distributor system 40 includes a hot passage distributor block C, two nozzles 2, and a mold-on sleeve 3. It is understood that more or less than two nozzles 2 can be utilized as desired.

Please replace the paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] ~~The tool injection part B~~ The injection mold part B has two channels 25 formed therein for receiving the nozzles 2 of the hot passage distributor system 40. Each nozzle 2 has a tip opening 2A at one end that protrudes through a gate point into the mold cavity 26. The opposing end of each nozzle 2 is fixedly connected to the hot passage distributor block C. This hot passage distributor block C is coupled to the injection molding machine F by way of the mold-on sleeve 3. Moreover, the hot passage distributor block C is held between the injection mold part B ~~the tool injection part B~~ and the head plate D by way of a series of bolt fasteners 10.

Please replace the paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] ~~The tool ejection part A~~ The ejection mold part A is fastened to the movable platform G of the injection molding machine F via clamps 23. Although only two clamps 23 are illustrated, it will be appreciated that more or less than two clamps 23 can be utilized as desired. In this way, ~~the tool ejection part A~~ the ejection mold part A can travel back and forth (left and right as shown in Figures 1 and 2) with the movable platform G thereby respectively opening and closing the mold cavity.

Please replace the paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In step 102, as depicted in Figures 2 and 7, the injection molding machine F is opened. Specifically, ~~the tool ejection part A~~ the ejection mold part A is moved away from the injection mold part B ~~the tool injection part B~~ by moving the movable platform G accordingly. Then, the bolt fasteners 10, which are utilized for attaching the injection mold part B ~~the tool injection part B~~ to the head plate D, are released. These bolt fasteners 10 are introduced and made accessible from the side of the injection mold part B. ~~the tool injection part B.~~ This feature is beneficial over existing side-injection sub-assemblies, which include bolt fasteners introduced from the side of the head plate D, because it provides a construction that can be more readily disassembled.

Please replace the paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] Furthermore, the head plate D is connected to the hot passage distributor block C via a series of fastening screws 24. This feature allows the hot passage distributor block C to remain attached to the head plate D while the bolt fasteners 10 are released and the injection mold part B ~~the tool injection part B~~ is removed from the side-injection sub-assembly 30.

Please replace the paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] In step 104, as illustrated in Figures 3 and 7, the tool is closed again. In the closed position, fastening devices 11, e.g. bar members 12, are utilized for receiving screws 14, 15 and attaching the injection mold part B to the ejection mold part A. ~~the tool injection part B to the tool ejection part A.~~ In particular, screw 15 is unscrewed and removed from a first hole 16a formed within the bar member 12. Then, screw 14 is loosened and the bar member 12 is rotated 180 degrees around screw 14. Next, screw 15 is inserted into a second hole 16b of the bar member 16 and utilized for fixedly attaching the bar member 12 to the ejection mold part A. ~~the tool ejection part A.~~ As a result, the new configuration includes ~~the tool injection part A~~ the ejection mold part A being fixedly connected to the injection mold part B. ~~the tool injection part B.~~ In this regard, the bar member 12 provides a releasable connection between the two tool parts A and B. This feature is beneficial because it eliminates any obstruction typically associated with ~~the tool injection part B~~ the injection mold part B being attached to the hot passage distributor system 40.

Please replace the paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Each bar member 12 is initially fastened only to ~~the tool injection part B~~ the injection mold part B when the bar member 12 is not being utilized to attach the two tool halves A and B together. However, it is understood that the bar member can instead be stored on the ejection mold part A as desired. ~~the tool ejection part A as desired.~~

Please replace the paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] In step 106, as shown in Figures 4 and 7, the injection molding machine F is re-opened by moving the movable platform G away from the injection mold part B. ~~the tool injection part B.~~ In that way, ~~the tool ejection part A~~ the ejection mold part A is carried with the movable platform G away from the injection mold part B. ~~the tool injection part B.~~ As a result, the hot passage distributor system 40 with its hot passage distributor block C and the nozzles 2 are accessible from one side for maintenance, repair, or various other purposes.

Please replace the paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] If no further maintenance work is required, ~~the tool injection part B~~ the injection mold part B is moved back over the nozzles 2 again and the hot passage distributor block C. Then, the bar members 12 are replaced to their original positions on the injection mold part B. ~~the tool injection part B.~~ Also, the injection molding machine F is re-opened, by reinserting the bolt fasteners 10 and utilizing them to re-connect the injection mold part B ~~the tool injection part B~~ to the head plate D.